

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## INTRODUCTION OF THE STRENGTHEN SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE ACT OF 1999

**HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to join Representatives RANGEL, MATSUI, POMEROY, BONIOR, FROST, DELAULO and a number of other Democrats in introducing the "Strengthen Social Security and Medicare Act of 1999." This bill represents President Clinton's proposal to protect Social Security by locking up the Social Security surplus so that it will not be available to be spent on other things and to strengthen Social Security by extending the solvency of the Trust Fund to 2050. Of equal importance, we will reserve by law one-third of the projected on-budget surpluses over the next ten years to strengthen Medicare.

This is a simple proposal that takes the first step in the direction of preserving and strengthening Social Security and Medicare so that they will have the financial resources to provide the benefits that America's senior citizens have come to rely on. Democrats created Social Security and Medicare to provide not just a retirement program, but a true safety net for senior citizens, their survivors and the disabled. Social Security is the most successful Federal government program, lifting nearly 15 million seniors out of poverty. It is the cornerstone of the entire retirement system and is the principal source of retirement income for two-thirds of the elderly. The baby-boomers and their children have been promised the support that they see their parents getting today. We have a responsibility to keep those promises.

This bill saves 100 percent of the Social Security surpluses, and ensures that the Social Security surplus will be saved to reduce the debt that was created by the profligate fiscal policies of the 1980's. Beginning in 2011 the interest payments that will not have to be made on that debt will be reinvested in the Social Security Trust Fund through 2044. The Social Security Actuary has analyzed the proposal and found that it will extend the solvency of the Trust Fund until 2050, an additional 16 years beyond current projections.

Medicare also faces a financial squeeze as the baby-boomers retire. This bill creates a special reserve fund equal to one-third of the on-budget—non-Social Security—surplus over the next ten years that can only be used for extending the solvency of Medicare or providing a prescription drug benefit to Medicare beneficiaries.

This is not the final word on either Social Security or Medicare, but it does lay the foundation on which long-term solutions to ensure long-term solvency can be built. In this respect it stands in sharp contrast to the Republican proposals which neither add a single day to the solvency of Social Security nor make any

provision for using the surplus to strengthen Medicare.

Finally, the Republican proposals have an escape hatch that would allow Social Security money to be used for anything that the Republicans want to call "reform"; even a plan that could lead to cuts in benefits or the ultimate conversion of Social Security into a privatized plan that gives little protection to average workers and their families. We reject that false promise in favor of keeping the commitments to Americans of all ages that have been the touchstone of Democratic policies for more than 60 years.

## IN MEMORY OF MELISSA EMERY LANIER

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Melissa Emery Lanier, a dear friend, community leader and constituent who passed away yesterday.

Melissa brought extraordinary warmth and grace to everyone and everything she touched. Known for the groups, individuals and causes she helped, she was active in numerous organizations as diverse as the College of Mount St. Joseph, the Caracole AIDS Hospice, the Fine Arts Fund, the Taft Museum, the American Negro Spiritual Festival, Hebrew Union College Academy for Interfaith Studies, the Babies Milk Fund Association, Xavier University, Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped, the Council on Aging, and the May Festival.

She has been described as inclusive, perceptive, generous, effective, caring and gracious. And she was well known for seeking recognition for everyone but herself.

Melissa Lanier was a Cincinnati native. Her family has deep roots in our city and a strong tradition of community service. This is the legacy she continued.

She attended Bryn Mawr College, and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

She was devoted to her loving family, and is survived by her husband, Addison, a daughter, Melissa Murphy, three sons, Addison II, John, and Mark, and eleven grandchildren. They have suffered a great loss. Indeed, all of us in the Greater Cincinnati area have suffered a loss with Melissa Lanier's passing, just as all of us benefited so from her rich and full life.

## TRIBUTE TO PAM WOOLSEY, A WOMAN WITH A POET'S HEART

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, every so often I hear a story of a constituent that touches me and makes me proud to be a Representative of the people. Recently, I heard one such story: the story of Pam Woolsey.

Pam works at Kathryn Senor Elementary School in Glenwood Springs, CO in the cafeteria. She is known for her good food, especially her chicken noodle soup. But it is the lessons that she instills in the kids that is really impressive.

As a poet, Pam is very accomplished. She has authored dozens of poems and short stories. Recently, she entered an international poetry contest and ended up traveling to Washington, DC where she was a nominee for the 1999 Poet of Year. Only a month ago she was honored at the Capitol by the International Society of Poets. For her work she received several plaques, ribbons, and medals as one of 100 semi-finalists in a field of 1,000 entries from around the world. The accolades did not stop there. One of her poems was professionally recorded and published in a book of international poetry.

The more I inquired into this woman's amazing story, the more I hear of her taking the time to inspire children to accomplish more and live their dreams. That hard work and dedication will take you where ever you want to go. She is touching the lives of so many children and making a difference in her community.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to this woman on behalf of the people of western Colorado for her dedication to the future of our children. She realized that one person can make a difference and she has. I wish her all the best in attaining the dream of publishing her collection of poems and continued success and happiness in life.

## DR. SYDNEY E. SALMON ACCESS TO CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS ACT

**HON. MATT SALMON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Sydney Salmon, who passed away recently after a three year bout with pancreatic cancer. Dr. Salmon served as the Director of the Arizona Cancer Center at the University of Arizona from its founding in 1976 until last year. During that time, he built the Center into one of the pre-eminent research facilities in the world and emerged as a national figure in cancer clinical research. A noted innovator and academic, Dr. Salmon invented numerous medical techniques that

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have had a major impact on biology, and he authored nearly 400 scholarly papers.

Although ailing with cancer, Dr. Salmon set aside time to educate me about a fatal flaw—literally—in our health care system that contributes to cancer's carnage. He informed me that our system discourages patients eligible for cancer clinical trials, the most effective type of care for many with cancer, from enrolling. I learned that if it were not for clinical trials, we wouldn't have the successful treatments that we enjoy today.

Dr. Salmon inspired me to develop the Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act, which today I rename the "Dr. Sydney E. Salmon Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act" in his memory. I am both proud and duty bound to honor a great man with this legislation. The act guarantees cancer patients access to any federally approved cancer clinical trial by requiring insurers to pay the routine patient costs—blood work, physician visits, etc.—that would be covered if the patient was in the standard treatment of care. The measure would not require health insurers to pay for the cost of new drugs, securing informed consent, collecting and managing data or complying with research-related paperwork. All of these costs would be paid by the sponsor of the clinical trial.

For many cancer patients, cancer clinical trials are not only the best option, they are the only option. If we increase participation in cancer clinical trials we increase the survival rate and provide hope for those afflicted with this horrible disease.

Unlike the managed care bill that recently passed the House, the Sydney Salmon Clinical Trials Act isn't limited to trials sponsored by government agencies, but also covers FDA trials. Coverage of FDA trials is a critical component of anti-cancer legislation. Two-thirds of trials are FDA-approved trials. Moreover, it is not enough to only cover trials conducted by government agencies when we know that many of the most important advances occur in private trials. The proper policy is to encourage participation in all trials that meet stringent guidelines, not just those sponsored by government agencies. I will urge the House-Senate Conference that ultimately develops the final managed care reform package to include language guaranteeing all cancer patients access to safe and federally approved clinical trials.

Participation in cancer clinical trials is dangerously low. Twenty percent of cancer patients are qualified candidates for clinical trials, yet only 3 percent participate in them. One of the major reasons for this disparity is the uncertainty regarding whether routine patient care costs will be covered by managed care companies.

The decline in enrollment in trials at the Arizona Cancer Center corresponds with the rise of managed care. In 1995, the Center enrolled 398 cancer patients in 169 different clinical trials. In 1998, the numbers dropped to 246 patients enrolled in 158 studies.

Managed care companies might be excused for their policy on cancer clinical trials if studies suggested that the cost of covering routine expenses were prohibitive and would increase the ranks of the uninsured. This is not the case. A Mayo Clinic study revealed that the costs of clinical trials averaged a trivial five percent more than standard therapy.

But not trivial are the costs of not permitting patients to enroll in clinical trials. Research is

thwarted, the war on cancer is hindered and patients who have no other hope for treatment needlessly suffer. The advances in treatment that clinical trials develop—virtually all standard therapies evolved from clinical trials—ultimately reduce the cost of providing care by reducing treatment costs. As evidence of the effectiveness of clinical trials, consider that for most childhood cancers the survival rate is nearly 75 percent, in large part because 80 percent of children participate in clinical trials. Insurance companies seem to be suffering from an acute case of myopia when it comes to covering these state-of-the-art treatments.

As a conservative Republican, I've always been opposed to mandates. But the federal government has an obligation to support research and development. Unless Congress acts, and acts decisively, vital research opportunities will be lost. Some 40 major cancer groups support the approach taken in the Dr. Sydney E. Salmon Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act. Congress should listen to the cancer community and ratify this approach.

#### LEASING RIGHTS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION

#### HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation, which is being co-sponsored by my colleagues J.D. HAYWORTH of Arizona and CHRIS CANNON of Utah, that provides for the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation. This legislation would correct a serious problem facing the Navajo people in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico—the issue of "fractionated lands."

From the late 1800's through the early 1900's, the Federal Government attempted to force Indian people to assimilate by allocating parcels of traditional tribal lands to individual tribal members. This practice resulted in alternating parcels of lands being owned by individual tribal members, the state, the federal government, or other private landowners. Navajo owners were granted an undivided interest of their entire allotment as were their heirs. An undivided interest meant that the heirs received an interest in the entire original allotment rather than a portion of the original land. For example, if four heirs were to receive equal interest to a 160 acre parcel, each heir would receive a 25 percent interest in the entire original allotment—not 40 acres. Over time the number of owners with an interest in an allotment is compounded or fractionated.

This unique system has not served the Navajo people well. After nearly a century, this allotment policy has become a nightmare for the Navajo people. Keeping records straight has become an impossible task. In many cases, owners can no longer be located while some individuals are completely unaware that they are heirs to an interest in a parcel. Many times, title to a parcel is clouded when just one owner dies without a legal will.

Over the years, Congress has tried to deal with fractionated lands and other issues governing Indian land ownership without success. These issues are complex and will not fully re-

solved overnight. In the mean time, I believe it is appropriate to consider a stop-gap measure aimed at stimulating near-term economic development on fractionated Navajo lands. The bill I am introducing today will facilitate the leasing of Navajo allotted land for oil and gas development by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to approve oil and gas leases on Navajo allotted lands when less than 100 percent of the owners agree to such lease—a mechanism that is already available to non-Indians in most states.

Mr. Speaker, this is a companion bill to a bill that has already been introduced in the other chamber on July 1, 1999, by Senator BINGAMAN of New Mexico and co-sponsored by Senators HATCH and BENNETT of Utah, and Senator MCCAIN of Arizona.

IN HONOR OF THE WOODBRIDGE-PERTH AMBOY ROTARY CLUB ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Woodbridge-Perth Amboy Rotary Club for seventy-five years of dedication and service to the community.

With more than 2,500 local clubs in 174 countries, Rotary International's membership surpasses 1.2 million members, and the organization is world renowned for its efforts in serving the needs of its communities. Made up of men and women with diverse professional backgrounds, the Rotary Club was created so that its members could come together to donate their time and talent to benefit the communities in which they live and work.

The Woodbridge-Perth Amboy Rotary Club joined in this honorable cause in 1923 with the efforts of 17 members. Over the years, this club has distinguished itself through a strong tradition of member participation and active involvement in worthy community activities, focusing on humanitarian efforts and youth issues.

From remodeling homes that provide low-income housing and pledging funds that benefit senior residents, to working with the World Health Organization to eradicate illnesses such as polio in impoverished nations and providing relief for earthquake victims in Europe, members of the Woodbridge-Perth Amboy Rotary Club have remained committed not only to the people of the 13th Congressional District of New Jersey, but have extended their compassion throughout the world.

The Rotarians also have an unwavering commitment to improving their communities by concentrating on youth programs. Since the Club's inception, it has supported programs such as Scouting, elementary school mentoring, high school career day, and children's concerts. Each year, the Woodbridge-Perth Amboy chapter sponsors and hosts an educational and cultural student exchange and encourages students to pursue education by funding student loans.

The Woodbridge-Perth Amboy chapter has been a leader and a model for other Rotary clubs in addressing local and worldwide social concerns. For its members' tireless efforts in living up to the Rotary motto "Service above

Self" in the Woodbridge-Perth Amboy communities, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Woodbridge-Perth Amboy Rotary Club on this occasion, its 75th anniversary.

**RICKY RAY HEMOPHILIA RELIEF FUND**

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an issue that we have let fall through the cracks and as a result have further devastated an innocent group of people. In the 105th Congress this body passed the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act by an overwhelming margin. The Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund provides a one time payment of \$100,000 as compensation to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) through contaminated blood products. To date not a single dollar has been allocated to fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act.

Despite assurances from the government that these blood products were safe, nearly 7,500 hemophiliacs were infected during the 1980's. These tainted blood products being given to innocent people have resulted in the destruction of many families. Children grow up without a parent, husbands are left without their wives, and in the case of one of my constituents, a mother loses her son and her husband, and must endure the further pain of watching her daughter suffer from the same horrible disease. Human life is too precious not to recognize this devastating tragedy. One life lost is one life too many.

When other disasters arise, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, we are quick to offer assistance. This body has been committed to helping people get back on their feet after they have experienced adversity. One hundred thousand dollars do not even begin to address the costs that individuals who must live with this disease face. One hundred thousand dollars do not justly compensate a family who has lost a loved one. But what the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund will do is help pay for the astronomical expenses associated with the prescription drugs needed to treat this disease. It will help family members who are left behind pay for funeral expenses. It will help children who are left behind to plan for future education.

Members of the hemophilia community have been neglected by the government. I realize this bill allocates \$20 million for the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund, but that is not nearly enough to fulfill our promises. I rise today to ask this House for a one time appropriation of \$750 million so that we may begin to address the suffering endured by 7,500 members of the hemophilia community. As was so eloquently expressed to me by my constituent, "there is no amount of money that can bring my loved ones back, but perhaps the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act will bring some closure to this chapter of my life and restore my faith in the belief that the little people do matter."

HONORING EDYTH AND CARL LINDNER ON THE OCCASION OF THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CINCINNATI HILLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my distinguished constituents, Edyth and Carl Lindner, who will be recognized at a gala dinner and pageant on Saturday, October 30, 1999 for their many contributions to the prestigious Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (CHCA) located in Mason, Ohio.

CHCA is one of the fastest-growing schools in the country and has earned a reputation for excellent academics, competitive sports and extracurricular activities. In 1997, I had the privilege of presenting the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School Award to CHCA Elementary. CHCA's goal is to nurture and support each student toward individual growth. The school embraces students parents and faculty within the care of a Christian community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindner are among Cincinnati's most prominent and generous citizens, and they have been strong supporters of CHCA since its inception 10 years ago. Their devotion to the school is evidenced by the Edyth B. Lindner Elementary School and the Lindner Fine Arts Center.

In addition to raising a family that now consists of three sons, three daughters-in-law and eleven grandchildren, the Lindners give countless hours to many charitable causes in our community. Through her work on the highly successful fundraiser, the Greater Cincinnati Classic Horse Show, Edyth has assured significant contributions to the Shriners' Burn Institute and has built the endowed scholarship fund at CHCA to one million dollars.

The fact that the Lindner family calls Cincinnati "home" is a true blessing to our entire community. Edyth and Carl Lindner continue to make Cincinnati a better place for our children and we owe them much gratitude. I congratulate them on this well-deserved honor.

IN HONOR OF CLARENCE KAILIN AND THE WISCONSIN VOLUNTEERS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE ON THE DEDICATION OF THEIR MEMORIAL IN JAMES MADISON PARK, MADISON, WISCONSIN

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Clarence Kailin of Madison, and the brave men and women who volunteered to serve in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War, especially those courageous volunteers from my home state of Wisconsin.

They, along with 45,000 volunteers from over 50 different countries, fought side by side during the early struggle against fascism. Their foresight in recognizing the rising tyranny of fascism was a call to arms that went

unheeded by the free world, and resulted in the long and bloody conflict that became World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I want to express my gratitude to these men and women who helped to defend the democratic Spanish Republic from fascist aggression, at a time when the fate of democracy in Europe was being threatened by all sides of the political spectrum.

On October 31st, in James Madison Park, in the state capitol of Wisconsin, a memorial will be dedicated to those sons and daughters of the "Badger State" that joined the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. A volunteer unit comprised of American citizens from all ethnic and religious backgrounds and walks of life, were all equal in their resolve to stem the tide of fascism. Our country's reluctance to aid the Spanish Republican government did not deter these brave people who understood what the consequences were if a legitimately elected government were to fall.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time in our country's long history of isolationism, United States citizens were reacting to threats to liberty and freedom on the international level more passionately than ever before. Mr. Kailin was one of those citizens, had it not been for him and other brave volunteers in the Lincoln Brigade, the tide of fascism would have swept over Europe unchecked. The corps of international volunteers who came together in Spain would be the same volunteers to comprise the victorious armies of the allied forces that triumphed over the fascists dictators Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to honor these dedicated men and women in the same rightful fashion as my state. The strength of character of Clarence Kailin and others from Wisconsin who volunteered in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade are the qualities which we all can take pride in and celebrate in this Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PERCY JULIEN FOR 36 OUTSTANDING YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Percy Julien, a resident of the Ninth Congressional District. After 36 years of distinguished service with the Oakland Unified School District, Mr. Julien is retiring.

For the past 11 years, Mr. Julien has served as the Director of the Oakland Unified School District's Office of Adult Education. As Director of Adult Education, he was responsible for over 26,000 students per year and a budget of approximately \$10 million. Mr. Julien had jurisdiction over 5 administrative sites and 140 satellite sites throughout the city of Oakland. His agency was responsible for the educational development of persons ranging from young adults to senior citizens. His most recent accomplishment was the creation, development and building of the Oakland Adult Education and Technology Center, which hosted its grand opening in April of this year. This facility includes a state-of-the-art computer center, and houses many other vocational classes which help students prepare for their future.

Throughout his brilliant career, Mr. Julien has served the Oakland Unified School District in many capacities. These roles have included teacher, counselor, work experience coordinator, leader in the career opportunities program, vice principal, principal, and lastly an administrator. In addition, he was the first elementary school counselor in the Oakland Schools.

Mr. Julien has been recognized and received countless awards from organizations across the State of California. These awards include the Oakland Alliance of Black Educators—the Personal Achievement Award; St. Columba's Church—the Ujima Award for Community Service; and the Baha'i—Annual Human Rights Award.

As an active member of his community, Mr. Julien has served on various boards and committees throughout the city including the Mercy Retirement and Care Center Board of Education; State of California Adult Education Master Plan Strategies Committee; and the St. Paschal Baylon's Board of Education.

The City of Oakland and its surrounding environs owe a great deal of appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Julien for his 36 years of committed service to education. It is for this reason that I take great pride and honor in saluting this education hero and thanking him for his many years of commitment to educating Oakland's students.

#### TRIBUTE TO KATIE BUFFHAM

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to honor a woman who has given her time in order to make the community of Maybell, Colorado a better place. For 24 years, Katie Buffham has worked tirelessly as the librarian of the Maybell Public Library.

Katie's story begins in Sterling, CO where she was born, in 1916. Not long after that her family loaded up their Model T, a wagon and saddle horse and headed off for Three Springs, CO. Several years later she and her husband decided to raise their family in Maybell, CO. It was there that this story of a woman's dedication to the community takes shape.

In 1975, the Maybell Public Library was moved from the inside of a bank to a trailer where, shortly after, it was scheduled for closure. Katie Buffham, upon hearing this, took on the amazing responsibility of keeping the library up and running. She did exactly that and more. Just 1 month after she took it over there were 72 people visits to the library. For nearly 22 years she worked tirelessly, all the while earning nothing. Her days were spent going from the farm to the library and back taking advantage of every hour.

Today the library is a modular school house which was brought in from another city. It has modern conveniences and a few employees. They have become interactive with other cities and technologically efficient.

For years Katie Buffham has had the dream of making her community a better place. Thankfully, she fulfilled this dream. The area would have suffered greatly without this insti-

tution. So, it is with this Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Katie Buffham for her dedication and hard work. She is a great American and I wish her all the best in her well deserved retirement.

#### MOTHER PEARLIE MAE BROWN

#### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service of Mother Pearlle Mae Brown, a woman of strong devotion and commitment to her community and our Nation. Pearlle Mae Brown is currently the First Lady of the Greater Bible Way Church in Prince Frederick, Maryland, where she is the most active and most cherished member of its congregation. Her talents have her serving as President of the Field Missionary Board, the New Members Club, as advisor to the all Women's Auxiliaries and President of the newly formed Evangelistic Board.

Her tireless energy and determination in bringing the word of God to all have also taken beyond the boundaries of her own community to the National level where she was the President of the Clergy Wives and Widows for 19 years and currently the President of the International Women's Council. She is also the First Lady of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan Diocese, the Vice Chair of the Board of the Interdenominational Council of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity and is also involved in the numerous other comprehensive programs throughout the region.

While Pearlle Mae Brown takes part in all of these wonderful service organizations, she takes the most pride in being the First Lady of the Greater Bible Way Church in Prince Frederick and the proud wife of First Vice President Bishop Joseph N. Brown, D.D. Together they have four children and five grandchildren who are all an integral part of their life. It is through the strength of her family that she gains the true inspiration to carry on her mission to serve God and her community.

We recognize all of these many achievements on the eve of the 40th Annual Women's Convention being hosted by the Greater Bible Way Church under the direction of Pearlle Mae from November 10th through November 12th in Prince Frederick, Maryland. This convention, which is held in Prince Frederick every ten years, celebrates women's participation in religious affairs and explores the "total man and women—body, spirit, and soul. This year's convention is expected to include around 800 participants from throughout the Nation in addition to people from Trinidad, England, Africa, and Jamaica.

Pearlle Mae's life has been punctuated with zeal and enthusiasm, commitment and servitude, honor and distinction. She is an example for all to follow and the people of communities far and wide have benefitted from her determination, tremendous dedication and hard work. As she embarks on the 40th annual Women's Convention may she have strength in accomplishing her mission and satisfaction in knowing she has touched the lives of thousands.

HONORING MARTHA AND CARL LINDNER III ON THE OCCASION OF THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CINCINNATI HILLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

#### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martha and Carl Lindner III, friends and constituents who will be recognized at a gala dinner and pageant on Saturday, October 30, 1999 for their leadership as one of the founding families of the prestigious Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (CHCA) located in Mason, Ohio.

CHCA is one of the fastest-growing schools in the country, and has earned a reputation for excellent academics, competitive sports and extracurricular activities. In 1997, I had the privilege of presenting the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School Award to CHCA Elementary. CHCA's goal is to nurture and support each student toward individual growth. The school embraces students, parents and faculty within the care of a Christian community.

Martha and Carl's involvement with CHCA began twelve years ago when they worked to develop a vision for the school, and their deep commitment to CHCA has never wavered.

Carl was instrumental in developing the curriculum, particularly in the area of Biblical Integration. He established the Carl H. Lindner III Chair of Biblical Studies in 1993, which brings a speaker to the school each year for Spiritual Life Emphasis Week. He was a member of the founding Board of Trustees and Education Committee.

Martha has participated in and led Bible studies at CHCA, served on the Visioning Committee, helped develop plans for the tennis complex and been very involved in numerous PTF and classroom activities. In addition to all this, Martha and Carl are enthusiastic supporters of the activities of their four children—all of whom attended CHCA.

Martha and Carl Lindner are committed community leaders, and I congratulate them on this much deserved honor.

#### TELEMARKETING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

#### HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Telemarketing Victims Protection Act of 1999. The bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to promulgate rules and regulations which require telemarketing firms to notify consumers that they are eligible to be placed on national and state do-not-call lists. If a consumer elects not to be called, the telemarketing firm must report that request to the appropriate state or national authority. Additionally, the legislation prohibits telemarketing firms from blocking the identity of their phone number in order to evade caller ID devices. Furthermore, it requires telemarketing firms to obtain (and reconcile with their own lists) the

appropriate do-not-call list. It also amends the time of day telemarketers are allowed to call consumers. Under current law, telemarketers are prohibited from calling consumers before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. My bill would amend current law to prohibit pesky telemarketers from disturbing families during dinner hours. And finally, it requires the FTC to study appropriate penalties for telemarketers who repeatedly violate the law. My legislation does not affect organizations already exempt from current law.

As you know, Congress has spent the last decade trying to help consumers cope with an industry that is out of control. Despite Congress' efforts, great advances in technology have enabled bad telemarketers to continue to flourish. According to numerous sources, it is estimated that consumers lose \$40 billion a year to fraudulent telemarketers. As telemarketing operations become more sophisticated, so must our laws governing the industry.

In my home state of Arizona, many consumers—especially seniors—fall prey to fraudulent telemarketers. The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) estimates that Arizonans have lost roughly \$100 million to fraud during the last five years. And, according to the Arizona Republic and Daniel Drake, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, victims from Arizona are lucky if they recover five percent of what they lose. According to FBI Special Agent Jim Whalen, "Arizona continues to be a high target area for illegal telemarketers due to the State's significant number of elderly residents." Agent Whalen recently reported to the Arizona Republic that the average Arizonan loses \$20,000 to \$100,000, including one man who lost roughly \$1.8 million. In another extreme case, the Arizona Republic reported that one family lost \$2 million of its inheritance to fraudulent investment scams. And, Mr. Drake reported that the last three cases his agency prosecuted involved scams of \$17 million.

Many other states besides Arizona are beginning to recognize the problem. Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, and Pennsylvania (to name a few) have or are considering legislation to set up a do-not-call list. The Direct Marketing Association (DMA) currently maintains a national do-not-call list for the industry. But, too often, fraudulent and pernicious telemarketers target the most vulnerable who are unaware of their right to be placed on these lists. Currently, telemarketing companies are not required to subscribe to the DMA's list and simply putting your name on the list does not guarantee that you won't be called. Besides, most consumers are not even aware of their current rights dealing with professional telemarketers.

Telemarketing fraud seems to be alive and well. That is why I believe that my legislation, particularly the consumer information section, is desperately needed. The FTC has repeatedly reported that the elderly are disproportionately represented among victims of telemarketing fraud. And, a survey by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) found that seniors, on the whole, were less familiar with their consumer rights than younger people, and they were less suspecting of deceptive sales practices. For consumers who know their rights and ask to be placed on a do-not-call list, it usually takes three months before their request is honored—if at all.

The issue is neither partisan nor political. Leaders on all sides of the political spectrum have joined in the fight to help protect con-

sumers against telemarketing fraud. In his national radio address of April 17, 1999 President Clinton declared war on telemarketing fraud. He said that "we must fight telemarketing fraud that robs people of their life savings and endangers their well-being. Every single year illegal telemarketing operations bilk the American people out of an estimated \$40 billion. More than half of the victims are over 50. That's like a fraud tax aimed directly at senior citizens." And, in a speech declaring the first week of May in Texas as Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Awareness Week, Governor George W. Bush said, "Armed with the right information, elderly Texans can take steps to avoid becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud."

I urge my colleagues to join me in the fight against telemarketing fraud.

**HONORING RUTH HARTWICK ON  
THE OCCASION OF HER RECEIVING  
THE WALTER P. REUTHER  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, let me say from the outset that the woman whose community service I wish to recognize here today, Ruth Hartwick of Boyne City, Michigan, understands as well as anyone I know the right and need for workers to organize into unions.

It is Ruth's commitment to that cause that is earning her the Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award, and I rise to pay tribute to her today.

Ruth has served on the organizing committee for UAW Local Union 1403, and she has put in more than 20 years of service to the United Auto Workers.

Ruth was on the bargaining committee and later served as chairperson. She has held the position to president and steward. She has been active with the retirees and was their financial secretary.

Ruth served on the Pension Committee and helped several people with workers compensation problems. She was active on the Community Services Committee and she served on the Local United Way Board. Her union work and her community involvement have earned her the respect of her peers and associates throughout northwestern Lower Michigan.

There are many volunteers who understand the gift of giving and sharing and helping is truly its own reward. I sometimes think, Mr. Speaker, that my northern Michigan congressional district is richer than most in having so many volunteers, people who step up to meet needs and challenges with services not provided by government agencies or chartered organizations.

Among these, I must acknowledge Ruth Hartwick with special affection. She has helped me in many ways since I first ran for this House seat, and I value her close personal friendship and her dedication to organized labor.

I can't think of anyone more deserving of the Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award.

**A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
THOMAS R. LOCK**

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a good friend, Mr. Tom Lock of my home town of Bay City, Michigan on the occasion of his retirement from the Bay City Commission. In terms of Tom's civic contributions to our community, I can unequivocally state that there are very few individuals who have had such an impact on the quality of life for residents of Bay City. And in terms of friendship, I can say that Tom is much loved in our community because, quite simply, he is a friend that can be counted on at all times.

Tom's entire life has been devoted to public service, even as a student at Bay City Central High School, where in his spare time he managed the Essexville/Hampton Little League team. After graduation in 1961, he joined the United States Navy, and in 1964, he married Ms. Lois Carol Genow. The Locks went on to have a wonderful family, and on July 18th of this year, they celebrated their 35th anniversary.

Tom's distinguished service in the Navy can be seen as a blueprint for his many civic accomplishments. He received numerous citations and awards during the six years he served for our country. Among these are the Good Conduct Award, the National Defense Ribbon, the Certification of Accommodation for service in the Arctic Circle, Certification of Accommodation for work with Cuban Refugees. He was also recognized as Sailor of the Month, Service Force of the Atlantic Fleet.

Following his discharge Tom returned to our home town to begin his many years of public service by becoming involved in several different area schools. For four years he was P.T.A. President at MacGregor Elementary School. He was instrumental in helping Central High School resolve their millage, and later he served on the Bay City Public School Housing and Boundaries Committee. From all of his activities during this period, one can see Tom's deep commitment to the youth of Bay County.

Tom's commitment to the less fortunate among us can be seen in his involvement with social service organizations in the area. He served on the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Social Intervention Services, and on the Bay County Substance Abuse Advisory Committee. Representing Bay County, he served on the Saginaw/Bay Substance Abuse Services Commission.

Tom continued his service to our community through local government. He served on the Bay City Planning Commission from 1985 to 1993, and for several years he was the Chairperson of the Commission. He resigned in 1993 to take a seat on the Bay City Commission. Tom served three terms, and as a symbol of the esteem his colleagues had for him, he was elected President twice.

Tom's service as Fourth Ward Commissioner is noteworthy for his many accomplishments. In short, Tom changed the dynamics of our city through his demonstrated philosophy of individual duty for the greater benefit of the community. Tom was responsible for a great many changes, but time allows me to only list

but a few. Using his influence with his colleagues, Tom helped pass a resolution allowing the Bay City staff and elected officials the opportunity of attending a team building training meeting. He sponsored a resolution which allowed the city charter to be placed on the ballot in order that it be revised and modernized. He was heavily involved in the middlegrounds landfill clean-up, and the eastside riverfront clean-up. Privately, he was responsible for a fund-raising effort to modernize the Bay City Fire Department, by purchasing equipment which makes it easier to find individuals during a fire.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Tom's contributions to our community are many and are not limited to only one sphere of accomplishment. Tom volunteered for the Navy because he wanted to serve our country. He was involved in our schools because of his concern for our children. Tom was involved in city government because he wanted to make our home, Bay City, a place to be proud of. And, Mr. Speaker, I can say with all confidence that the residents of Bay City are proud and grateful to Tom.

It is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, that in Tom's retirement he intends to spend much time with his wife, Lois, and their three children—Marcie, and her husband Bernie LaBerge and their three children Jessica, Brandon, and Danielle; Cindy-Sue Hernden and her two children Alyssa and Ryan; and Tammi-Rae, and her husband Tom Stein and their child Brittney. It is also my understanding that he will continue his long list of public service by serving on the Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bay County.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Tom Lock for his many contributions to our community. He truly is an example of exemplary civic duty, and as such, serves as a model to all of those in our country who desire to help others in their communities. Please join me in congratulating Tom, and in wishing him many productive years with his family and his many activities in our community.

TRIBUTE TO AL AND EILEEN  
FLORES

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two exemplary citizens in my district who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on October 31.

Al and Eileen Flores have shared many years and experiences as they traveled around the world and throughout our nation. Since meeting in England in 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Flores have demonstrated their patriotism by their connection to our armed forces, their refreshing commitment to family values as they raised six daughters, and a continuous and active participation in grassroots community organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Flores have fourteen grandchildren, and when asked who his hero is Mr. Flores answers, "My wife Eileen."

Not only do Mr. and Mrs. Flores embody the endless potential available to each American citizen, but also the wondrous result of a

happy and fruitful life. Forty years of marriage is an accomplishment worthy of our respect and honor. Al and Eileen Flores, thank you for your example to our community, and happy 40th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF REV. RALPH A.  
BODZIONY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Ralph A. Bodziony for his contributions to Saint John Cantius of Cleveland, Ohio. Father Ralph has spent thirty years at St. John Cantius and is retiring after forty years of priesthood. His family and friends will honor his years of service with a celebration on November 28, 1999.

In his thirty years of service to St. John Cantius, Father Ralph has gone to great lengths to help the parish grow and revitalize. Years ago, when it was not economically feasible to maintain the parish's old convent, Father Ralph helped turn it into The Malt Talbot Inn, an alcoholic rehabilitation center and halfway house. He also was heavily involved in the old elementary school being used for the Positive Education Program. In 1984, under Father Ralph, the parish held its first Polish Heritage Festival. It proved to be a very popular event and is now an annual celebration for parishioners and friends from all over to come and enjoy themselves.

Father Ralph has also led the church to a major facelift recently. In 1992, a beautiful Gothic altar was installed in the sanctuary; in 1994, the church organ was refurbished; and in 1997, the church was painted in anticipation of the one hundredth anniversary. St. John Cantius has come a long way in its one hundred years and, through projects like these, Father Ralph has been able to revitalize the parish alongside the redevelopment of the Tremont area.

St. John Cantius, through the leadership of pastors such as Father Ralph, has served the community for one hundred years. The parishioners, who value their ethnicity and beliefs, have developed new traditions while passing on their Polish ancestry to each new generation in the parish. Father Ralph's leadership and commitment to the parish has helped contribute to its rich and colorful history.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the beloved Rev. Ralph Bodziony for his dedication to the church and his extraordinary works in the Tremont area. His life and efforts towards a better community have inspired us all.

HONORING JOAN AND RAY CONN  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE TEN  
YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CIN-  
CINNATI HILLS CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituents, Joan and Ray Conn,

who will be recognized at a gala dinner and pageant on Saturday, October 30, 1999 for their leadership as one of the founding families of the prestigious Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (CHCA) located in Mason, Ohio.

CHCA is one of the fastest-growing schools in the country and has earned a reputation for excellent academics, competitive sports and extracurricular activities. In 1997, I had the privilege of presenting the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School Award to CHCA Elementary. CHCA's goal is to nurture and support each student toward individual growth. The school embraces students, parents and faculty within the care of a Christian community.

Joan and Ray Conn worked together on many important initiatives for CHCA, including helping to form the vision for the school and spearheading fund raising efforts. They have three children, all of whom have attended CHCA.

Ray was a member of the founding Board of Trustees and provided strong leadership in the school's early years by drafting CHCA's constitution, serving as chair for the first Education Committee and working on the Advancement Committee.

Joan chaired the school's first silent auction, was enrollment chair for the Advancement Committee and served as a consultant on interior design decisions for all three CHCA buildings. Before the school opened, Joan came up with the idea to hold home parties to spread the word about CHCA and helped to interview prospective faculty. She has been very involved with the tennis program and the Joan Davis Conn Tennis Complex was dedicated last Spring.

Joan and Ray Conn are to be commended for their tireless devotion to the community as a whole and for the important role they played in making the dream of Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy a reality.

THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AD-  
MINISTRATIVE FINANCING ACT  
OF 1999

**HON. JIM MCCRERY**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. MCCRERY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of myself and Representatives BOEHNER, SHAW, HERGER, BAKER, RAMSTAD, SUNUNU, BACHUS, LATOURETTE, OXLEY, COLLINS, PORTMAN, WATKINS, HAYWORTH, MCINNIS, LEWIS, PRYCE, TRAFICANT, SESSIONS, CHAMBLISS, DICKEY, CUBIN, and HANSEN, to introduce the Employment Security Administrative Financing Act of 1999.

As you know, the employment security system, established as a federal-state partnership more than 60 years ago, is the system employers use to provide unemployment insurance and a public labor exchange for workers. Since its inception, major structural changes to our country's economy have taken place as a result of rapid technological advances and the growth of globalized trade and investment. Adjusting to meet the demands of our changing economy, our nation's labor market has fundamentally changed as well. Therefore, the employment security system should be reformed to meet the demands of the changing

labor market and to ensure that states are able to provide the services necessary for employment and re-employment services aimed at matching employers and qualified job-seekers.

Mr. Speaker, a major focus of reform should be to improve the efficiency of the current administrative financing mechanism and to reduce the tax burden imposed on employers. Administration of the employment security system is financed by employers through the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) payroll tax. Currently collected by the IRS, FUTA revenue is returned to the states through an annual appropriation allocated by the Department of Labor. Unfortunately, states aren't receiving a proportionate return on the FUTA dollars contributed by their employers. Since 1990, less than 59 cents of every FUTA dollar has been sent back to the states for the purpose of administering their unemployment system, and the percentage is shrinking. Now less than 52 cents is returned. As a result, states are being forced to either make up for the shortfall from their own general funds, impose new payroll taxes, or cut back on services provided to workers.

Mr. Speaker, the Employment Security Administrative Financing Act is designed to address the problems that the current system continues to impose on the states and the FUTA taxpayers, while preserving and strengthening protections for workers. Specifically, the bill would: reduce the tax burden on large and small businesses by repealing the unnecessary, "temporary" 0.2% FUTA surtax imposed in the 1970's; eliminate inefficiencies experienced by employers by transferring responsibility for collection of the FUTA tax to the states; strengthen administration of the system by ensuring that states get a greater

return on their employers' FUTA tax dollars and ensure greater accountability for the use of these funds; improve employment services with an emphasis on re-employing dislocated workers; combat fraud and abuse in the present system; and, increase state flexibility to administer their unemployment insurance and employment services programs to serve local needs.

Mr. Speaker, without these reforms, the current system will continue to overtax and overburden employers, shortchange states, and, most importantly, underserve those who need it most—the involuntarily unemployed and those striving to move up the career ladder.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important issue that Congress should consider. I look forward to working with others to bring about these much-needed, common sense reforms to the current system that will bring our employment security system into the 21st Century.

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AMERICA NEEDS A PERMANENT  
AGRICULTURE TRADE REP-  
RESENTATIVE

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**HON. WES WATKINS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 1999*

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, today I am proudly introducing legislation to establish a permanent position of Chief Agricultural Negotiator within the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). I do so with my colleagues, the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. HULSHOF, and the gentleman from Idaho, Mr. SIMPSON.

Since 1997, this position has been designated as "Special Trade Ambassador for Agriculture." Our legislation will create a permanent office at USTR to negotiate on behalf of America's farmers, ranchers and other agricultural interests. Unfortunately, the news from rural America is not good. Farm families are tired and frustrated with the level of attention that has been paid to their livelihood by our government. Additionally, global economic recessions have led to decreased exports by our producers, thus leaving them with a negative impression of what international trade has done for them.

American agriculture is at a crossroads and if we continue to ignore it, farm life as we know it will become extinct. The best way for America to sustain our agricultural backbone is by opening and accessing a new global marketplace. That marketplace can best be reached if we have someone in a permanent role, who has an agricultural background, working on behalf of our farmers and ranchers.

Finally, in one month representatives from all of the world's trading partners will attend the World Trade Organization Ministerial in Seattle to designate the parameters for the upcoming round of global trade talks and negotiations. Many people, including a large portion of the Congress, believe agriculture should be the number one priority for our negotiating team. However, as we host the trade world here in the United States, we do not have a permanent, designated negotiator for agricultural interests.

I urge all of my colleagues to lend their support to this legislation by cosponsoring this important and timely legislation.